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SUBJECT: GOC CLARIFICATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATHS

AMCITS TERUGGI AND HORMAN

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1. IN COURSE OF LUNCHEON WITH JUNTA PRESS SECRETARY WILLOUGHBY AT HOME OF PAO NOVEMBER 20, I RAISED THIS SUBJECT AND SPOKE ALONG LINES MY NOVEMBER 13 PRESENTATION TO UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS CARVALLO (SANTIAGO 5594). I PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED STRONG CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESS INTEREST AND DEGREE TO WHICH THIS CONTRIBUTES TO BAD CHILEAN PUBLIC IMAGE IN U.S. AND HAMPERS OUR RELATIONS. I SAID IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE GOC PROVIDE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A FULL REPORT ON ITS INVESTIGATION WHICH EVIDENCES THOROUGH AND SERIOUS GOC EFFORT TO CLARIFY THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATHS OF THESE TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

2. WILLOUGHBY SAID THAT IF PAO COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH VERY INFORMAL AND UNOFFICIAL COMMUNICATION STRESSING PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFECT OF THESE CASES HE WOULD RAISE WITH JUNTA AS MATTER FALLING WITHIN HIS PROVINCE.

3. WE SHALL GIVE WILLOUGHBY A PIECE OF PAPER PROMPTLY.
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